

ADVISORY BOARD ON TEACHER EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

DRAFT Minutes - April 17, 2000

Meeting Date and Location: April 17, 2000, Richmond Airport Hilton
Richmond, Virginia

ABTEL Members Present: Sally Boese, Mychele Brickner,
Brenda Duda, Mark Glaser, Jill Fox, Holly Hawthorne,
Mary McCauley, Jane Massey-Wilson, Nancy Miller,
Donna Smith, and Susan Walton

ABTEL Members Absent: Mary Bicouvaris, Susan Cook, Wayne Harris, Lanny
Holsinger, Kimberly Loy, Winston Odom, and John
Shifflett

Board of Education Liaison: Susan T. Noble

Ex-Officio Members Present: Laura Ford and Wanda Smith

Department of Education Staff: Thomas A. Elliott, Paul Joseph, Byrd Latham,
James Laws, and Patty Pitts

Observer: Betty Lambdin

Guest: Lonnie Schaffer

Full Board Meeting

Brenda Duda, chair of the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. at the Richmond Airport Hilton, Richmond, Virginia.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Jane Massey-Wilson made a motion to accept the agenda. Mary McCauley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna Smith made a motion to accept the minutes of March 20, 2000, with the following two corrections:

1. page 1: Susan Walton's name should be listed under "ABTEL Members Absent" instead of "ABTEL Members Present"
2. page 4: Agenda Item E., House Bill 473: Change the word "form" to "from."

Jane Massey-Wilson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Special News

Brenda Duda announced to ABTEL members the retirement of Sandy Aldrich, Comprehensive System of Personnel Development Specialist, Department of Education.

Brenda Duda announced that ABTEL member Susan Cook gave birth to a son. Ms. Duda stated that she would send a card to Susan on behalf of ABTEL.

Agenda Item A: Final Review of Recommended Cut-Scores for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment and the Middle School Content Tests – Middle School English Language Arts, Middle School Mathematics, Middle School Science, and Middle School Social Studies

For each test, Patty Pitts presented a brief overview of the results of the validation and standard-setting studies and a comparison of state scores.

School Leaders Licensure Assessment: Jane Massey-Wilson made a motion to establish a qualifying score of 158 for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment. Sally Boese seconded the motion.

Mychele Brickner made a substitute motion not to set a cut score but rather require candidates to take the test for data collection and study the scores for three years. Holly Hawthorne seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 10 to 1 vote.

Jane Massey-Wilson withdrew her motion.

Middle School Language Arts

Mychele Brickner made a motion to recommend to the Board of Education a cut-score of 164 on the Middle School Content English Language Arts test. Donna Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 10 to 1 vote.

Middle School Mathematics

Jill Fox made a motion to recommend to the Board of Education a cut-score of 163 for the middle school mathematics test. Mychele Brickner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Middle School Science

Susan Walton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Education a cut score of 162 for the middle school science test. Holly Hawthorne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Middle School Social Studies

Jane Massey-Wilson made a motion to recommend to the Board of Education a cut score of 160 for the middle school social studies test. Donna Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item B: Final Review of Recommendation Regarding the Use of Community College Course Work to Meet Professional Studies Requirements for Initial Licensure

Jane Massey-Wilson made a motion to accept the following staff recommendation regarding the use of community college course work to meet professional studies requirements for initial licensure:

- (1) Community college course work to meet professional studies requirements will be accepted for licensure provided that the work is transferred into a teacher preparation program and both the community college system and the four-year institution have agreed upon this arrangement through its articulation agreement.
- (2) Pursuant to Section 20-21-80 of the Licensure Regulations for School Personnel, “a Virginia educational agency may submit the Superintendent of Public Instruction for approval an alternative program to meet the

professional studies requirements. The alternative program must include training (seminar, internship, course work, etc.) in human growth and development, curriculum and instructional procedures (including technology), foundations of education, and reading.” Virginia educational agencies may use a variety of resources in their region to meet this requirement, including assistance from the community college.

Holly Hawthorne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item C: Senate Bill 113—Statutory Requirements

Senate Bill 113 established a mechanism for local school boards to issue three-year local teacher licenses. A copy of the bill was given to ABTEL members.

Dr. Thomas A. Elliott encouraged ABTEL members to share with staff members any comments or suggestions about guidelines to implement the local board license.

Agenda Item D: Teacher Incentive Program Budget Passed by the General Assembly

Dr. Thomas A. Elliott provided a report on General Assembly appropriations in the areas of teacher education and certification (including National Board Certification, Mentor Teacher/Clinical Faculty Programs, and the Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program).

Agenda Item E: Alternative Routes to Licensure [(1) Career Switcher Program and (2) Report on the Alternative Certification Conference]

Dr. Thomas A. Elliott presented an update on the Career Switcher Alternative Route to Licensure for Military Personnel. The General Assembly funded the program for the 2000-02 biennium. Approximately 70 applications have been received to date. Two cohorts (one in tidewater and one in northern Virginia) of candidates will begin the one-year program by participation in a three-week summer intensive induction program.

Paul Joseph and James Laws attended the Alternative Certification Conference in Arlington, Virginia, on April 13-14, 2000. They provided a brief presentation of the conference which emphasized career switcher programs.

Agenda Item F: Develop ABTEL’s Annual Report to the Board of Education (Power Point Presentation)

Patty Pitts presented an outline of the components of ABTEL's annual report to the Board of Education. The annual report highlights the major projects undertaken by the Advisory Board as well as recommendations for action by the Board of Education. During the 1999-2000 school year, ABTEL initiatives included conducting a summer planning session; meeting with the mentor teacher task force; completing validation, standard setting, and matching studies of Praxis II tests in elementary and middle education and the School Leaders Licensure Assessment; establishing a task force on critical teacher shortages in Virginia; and approving for Board of Education review the Regulations Governing Approved Programs for Virginia Institutions of Higher Education.

ABTEL members approved the draft of the annual report.

Agenda Item G: Establish Agenda, Dates, and Location for the Summer ABTEL Workshop

Members of ABTEL recommended that a summer workshop be held in August. After reviewing several locations, ABTEL recommended that staff members plan the summer workshop, if possible, at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center.

Agenda Item H: Approve Dates and Sites for ABTEL Meetings for the 2000-01 Year

The following dates were approved by ABTEL for the 2000-01 school year:

September 18, 2000	Richmond
November 20, 2000	Virginia Commonwealth University
January 22, 2001	Richmond
March 19, 2001	Longwood College
April 23, 2000	Richmond

Adjournment

The ABTEL meeting was adjourned.